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INFORMATION RELAYING DEVICE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
NETWORK SYSTEM

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In Reply to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2006,  
please amend the above application as follows.